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The Islamic Council of Europe has expressed its profound shock at the decision of President Mubarak to ratify the death sentence passed on the alleged assassins of Sadat by a military tribunal.

The constituents of the Council who had assembled in London on Sunday (21st March,1982) from all over Europe to participate in the general body meeting of the Council denounced the ratification as a violation of basic principles of justice in as much as the defendents were not given a fair trial in an open Civil Court. The trial was conducted behind closed doors and the defence Counsel were given no opportunity to place their case before the court. Besides, the Defence Minister, even before the trial started, had prejudged the issue by announcing that the accused would be hanged.

By ratifying the sentence Hosni Mubarak has demonstrated that he has neither respect for the basic tenets of justice nor the world public opinion particularly of the Islamic world.

The Islamic Council of Europe urges all those who stand by the principle that the accuseds should be given the right of defence to call upon President Mubarak to rescind his decision and order fresh trial in a civil court.

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